

**SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON THE "DRAFT" SHORELINE MANAGEMENT
PLAN DURING THE 30 DAY WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD**

1. I think the changes to the community dock by-laws sound great, but the old by-laws were not followed very well by the dock owners and not enforced by the Corps. I had previously heard people say that slips were part of their property and they had included it in their deeds.

2. Is the Corps of Engineers going to allow the buildup of the shoreline of Lake Cumberland? I hope not. I am glad you have protected the lake in the past and hope you continue to do so.

3. Our 16-foot square float is not large enough for the 22-foot pontoon we are purchasing in the near future. Due to erosion our path is not as safe as in the past and some wooden steps would enhance accessibility, especially as we are getting older (50s). Grandfather language as written would prevent our heirs from continuing to use the facility upon our death.

4. PLEASE! No more privatization or development of the Lake Cumberland shoreline. This natural area is what makes this lake and other reservoirs in KY so great for public use.

5. I support the idea of a waiting list in the community dock associations, but I feel that an association member should be allowed to pass his/her membership to his/her children/family, providing that the children/family are residents of the community holding deeded property. I also feel that an association member upon turning his/her membership should be able to recoup his initial investment plus the amount of money spent to help upkeep the dock over their several years as being a member. I also have concerns about the dumping of sewage from the houseboats into the lake. Is there anything being done to control this problem?

6. In reference to Community Dock Associations, I support the waiting list with the following exceptions: (a) an association member should be able to pass his/her membership to their children provided the children are residents of the community holding deeded property. (b) I believe that the price a new member pays to the association to become a member should include recovery of construction costs of the slip, membership dues, insurance premiums, and

other expenditures. (c) If it is agreed on by the majority of the association, an applicant on a waiting list should be refused because of garbage and junk in their yard, breaking the law, or causing trouble on a regular basis in the community.

7. Bylaws should be written so that slips are owned by individual members.

Increasing the insurance to the ridiculous amount of \$300,000 only promotes the business like atmosphere that the lake is trying to avoid.

8. I would suggest that you send Public Workshop notifications to the community dock associations and private dock permit holders.

I feel that a person should be able to pass his/her permit on to their children as long as the private property remains in the family. I feel that community dock slips should also be passed to their children. If the real property is sold then the slip reverts to the association and should be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

Any reference, in the plan, "any member and/or his/her spouse" should be changed to include immediate family. An association member, upon turning their slip back to the association, should be able to recoup the initial cost/expenses associated with the construction cost and inflation from the year the dock was first permitted or when they became a member of the association.

The Corps should allow a 10% increase in dock finger size to help accommodate larger boats.

Marinas are being allowed to expand which makes weekend boating more hazardous.

Marinas should have to off load houseboat sewage instead of letting them dump it into the lake.

9. I am disappointed with the 2002 SMP because it will not approve future private docks. We have friends and family that have homes on the lake, but we rarely visit since there is no place to dock our boat.

10. My father has a place on the lake, but it is not worth the hassle of bringing my family and boat to Lake Cumberland because we cannot dock our boat close to his house.

11. Please do not change the draft. You are doing a fantastic job, and I would like it to stay the way it is. I am a dock owner in Cub Creek and very happy with things the way they are.

12. As a member of Cub Creek Community Dock, I think the association should be allowed some input as to how the docks are transferred and what current value could be recovered, such as 20 years of maintenance costs and inflation.

I would also like to see a brief period of time for communities to be able to expand their docks and allow for more people to join.

13. We have made a great investment in lakefront property that needs a DOCK to be complete. The popularity of Cumberland will decline because people cannot get access to park a boat after investing such a great deal in a home. Visitors to the lake do not care about docks, they care about the cleanliness of the lake. The people who live on the lake and look at it every day do more to clean it up than the people who leave after the weekend.

14. I would like to increase the size of my private dock to better suit the boat size I have.

15. I think slip members should be allowed to transfer their existing slip when selling private property. I also believe that I should be able to deed my home and slip to my children.

I don't understand why community associations are not allowed to add more boat slips, yet I see the major marina's adding hundreds of new storage slips.

16. You are treating the homeowners around the lake as second rate citizens, second to the tourists. This is not a balanced management plan and is not acceptable. To rectify this wrong, you should review and rezone the lake's shoreline to include limited development. A respectful percent of the shoreline should be zoned, for instance 10%. This would allow for the placement of both community and limited resort/hotel lease docks. Lake Cumberland has 1200 miles of shoreline. I fail to see how 120 miles of limited development, if planned and managed properly, can destroy your plan.

You should also consider establishing additional marina leases, strategically located to disperse the lake usage.

I must also remind you that Cumberland Lake is a man-made lake constructed for the purpose of serving the public need. It is not Yellowstone Park.

17. As a family land owner and recreational user of Lake Cumberland, I fully support the concept of protecting the shoreline and maintaining it's natural state. I urge you to eliminate the existing individual and community docks when possible. In the early years of Lake Cumberland the private docks may have made sense, but I believe we must preserve the lake's natural beauty for my children and future generations.

I also believe that additional private lands beyond the lake shoreline should be acquired and held for future resource protection.

18. I feel very strongly that the community docks need a chance to add boat slips. The community docks were given an opportunity to expand before the moratorium. I feel that they should be given that again.

No private docks. The communities tend to take better care of docks plus the appearance gives the sense of community and not private.

19. I truly appreciate the overall manner in which the Corps manages and safeguards "our lake".

I believe the lake would not be harmed by a reasonable amount of additional private facilities, especially community docks which operate on a first come first serve basis. I would recommend that the Corps work with the developers by allowing property built and designed facilities. I believe the lake would be harmed more by adding more commercial docks and/or enlarging existing commercial docks.

I would recommend that the Corps consider limiting boat sizes and water speeds on the lake.

20. We sincerely appreciate the Corps' willingness to evaluate the possibility of allowing incremental size changes to existing private facilities in order to accommodate today's larger boats and to provide additional safety.

While we feel that a reasonable increase in the total number of private mooring facilities would not be harmful to the lake (especially community docks vs. individual), we have no objections to the document as written.

21. It is my professional opinion backed up with 41 years of experience that Lake Cumberland's potential economic base is being destroyed by a misguided management philosophy.

22. I do not understand why the water police are not on the water patrolling, why you all are letting these larger boats in areas that cannot handle the size of the boats, why no one is controlling the speed/littering/etc. I recycle; it is amazing how much I pick up off the bank by my father-in-laws cabin.

23. I feel there is a great need to allow Poplar Hill community dock to expand due to growth in the service area. As far as new permits for additional community docks, I agree with the plan. But I also believe that current community docks should be allowed to grow, as do the commercial docks on the lake. We currently have a waiting list of people in our service area numbering 12.

24. I would like to get permission to add concrete to rocks going down the path at the banks edge to our dock. When it rains it is very dangerous. I have some health problems, which limits my activity on the lake, but enjoy watching my family and friends.

I'm asking also if keeping the underbrush maintained is possible, and maintaining not cutting the trees down. Actually, there is one tree I would like to cut down, which is at the back of the house. The tree is ruining my roof, deck and patio furniture.

25. The practice of not assigning slips would cause great hardship and hindrance among members at Island Ramp Boat Club. When a member sells his slip it's usually by word of mouth of his choosing and as long as the boat club does not object to the person who bought the slip - it works out fine. We do have a waiting list with 4 names.

According to the draft we are to paint steps an earth tone color. Our existing steps are red. Are we required to paint the entire section of steps an earth tone color?

We appreciate the efforts your Dept. is doing to ensure that we maintain a beautiful and safe environment for residents and vacationers. We welcome the growth and expansion of the commercial docks, but we hope you will not forget the concerns of the little community docks along the way.

26. Individual private docks may be transferred to a new purchaser of shoreline property within 14 days. However, a shareholder in a community dock may not transfer his share to the purchaser of his/her housing unit within a similar 14 day period. This appears to be unfair and unreasonable.

27. The Somerset meeting was professional and done quite well.

I know nothing with a greater negative environmental impact on the lake than the trash and debris that clutters the shoreline, especially in the Bronston area where my home is located. It is my belief that long-term actions funded through public funds, grants, property-owner assessments, or tourist access fees would greatly enhance this effort and your plan.

It was apparent that the meeting was dominated by a great number of people who were there for the sole purpose of lobbying for more dock permits. I suspect that the majority of those in attendance were property owners who do not have a permit (I do). You should be cautious in concluding that there is an overwhelming consensus that more dock permits are appropriate.

I observe abundant overgrowth that is choking out beautiful Dogwood and Cedar trees and uncontrolled erosion from runoff that is washing massive amounts of hillside soil into the lake.

28. We are property owners in the White Oak Subdivision in Wayne County and we have tried very hard to abide by the rules. The one change that concerns us most is the transferring of our membership share/s on our private docks. As of now we can sell our share/s with our property and that makes for a good selling point. It would be very unfair to some property owners to sell their share for what they paid for it because now the prices have almost doubled. PLEASE make sure this ability to sell your dock membership share with your property does not change!

29. We believe the homeowner's associations should have the right to allow transfer of dock slips with the sale of homes.

It might be a good idea to limit the number of slips to one per homeowner if others in the community are awaiting slips.

30. By allowing the commercial docks to expand and prohibiting construction of additional community mooring facilities (private boat clubs), more unsupervised, uninformed, uncaring people are on the lake without a clue of the over-all concept of the lake. Boat club members respect and love the lake and are closely monitored per club rules and regulations.

A long time gripe of mine is houseboats mooring across sloughs and curtailing access to some of my favorite fishing spots.

Also, the "dumping" of waste water is gross and destructive!!!

I understand that people have been on waiting lists for a number of years and are anxious for mooring facilities. To make no correlation between unit ownership and slip assignment/ownership and to assign to first on list will surely create problems and many hard-feelings in this case.

31. I suggest that you determine how many docks you will issue permits to, contact the people in that area, tell them you will issue, lets say, 2 docks (private), and offer a lottery next fall, or whenever.

Take the permit away from those who do not keep their dock in good condition. Issue that permit to someone else.

Let private dock owners increase the size of the dock for larger boats.

I suggest that you be more lenient and sympathetic to those people requesting steps, as long as the steps are at least 10 feet into the treeline (out of sight).

Issue more permits to cut grass or remove brush on government property. Give them a permit, at \$3, let them know what is and is not expected, and let them take care of the government land. If they abuse the permit, fine them \$300.

As for community docks, I think you are absolutely right. When a person sells his lot, he should lose his boat slip. If he sells it with his property (I do not know how he can sell something that does not belong to him), he should give up his slip, so that the next person in line will get the slip.

32. I hope if a property owner sells or passes his property on to his children, grandchildren, or other relatives that the community boat slip would also stay with the property.

33. Since it has been a community dock practice to allow the assignment of slips to follow the property, and since

it has not been stated in any previous Shoreline Management Plan to the contrary, how can this practice suddenly change?

34. I strongly disagree with the Corps' Shoreline Management Plan concerning Community Dock Associations. It is the Corps' intent to take away from these non-profit organizations their long-standing guidelines for the assignment of the few boat slips originally built by the various associations.

35. We support making incremental size changes to the square footage of existing private, including community moorage facilities, which are in proportion to the increased size of new boats.

We strongly recommend Community Associations not be permitted to add additional real estate and residency requirements for membership in the community dock associations.

We also strongly disagree with the recommendation that slips not be assigned to specific members of the association.

We suggest the monetary recovery to a member for leaving the dock association be either the cost of replacing the slip at current construction costs, or the cost of the original investment (fee) plus all expenses for maintenance, repair, storage, insurance, and any other charges associated with the slip, whichever is higher. The section on boats with "living facilities" needs to be spelled out in some detail.

36. These comments were identical to the comments in #35. However, they were signed and submitted by a separate individual.

37. I believe one proposal is very unfair to association members and their families. I believe this proposal states that if something should happen to me, I could not leave my boat slip to my children and grandchildren.

38. These comments reference the comments stated in #35 and expressed their agreement with those comments. However, they were signed and submitted by a separate individual.

39. The dock association should not be involved in the monitoring of the passage of slips from one party to another, and worse yet mediate the price and handle the

transfer of money. It would seem overreaching for the association, or the government, to try to dictate exactly how slips should pass, and moreover at what price. It should remain a private matter between the parties.

40. Although the Corps may have always intended that community boat slips be available on a first come / first served basis and assigned via a waiting list versus property transfer, neither of the previous plans were explicit in this regard! We request no changes be made and that this new April 2002 "Draft" not be put into effect.

41. To implement these newly defined slip assignment guidelines for currently held/existing (grandfathered) community dock permits is not only a bad idea but a violation of the public law that, in effect, grandfathered docks, etc. in existence prior to Nov. 17, 1986 and by Corps policy was extended to include any lawfully installed docks, thereafter. Should the Corps eventually open up the shoreline to more private moorage facilities (new or expansions to existing docks), these guidelines make sense and should be applied only to those new permits or expanded additions to existing docks.

42. I would like the shoreline kept in its natural environmental state and see you maintain a moratorium on future development of docks, ramps, houses, marinas, etc. I agree that you need to preserve as much as possible the beauty of the shoreline. I also realize that you need to balance nature with development and that all of this impacts local community economies. I would hate to see Lake Cumberland become another Lake Herrington.